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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued March 4, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Note

(For a list of the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature.)

Cited Literature 1 and 2 in regard to Claim 1

Remarks

Described in Cited Literature 1 is the fact that speed conversion and header conversion is conducted as necessary when transmitting between busses. The fact that speed conversion is conducted in IEEE 1394 is well known based on Cited Literature 2.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-145433
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-215161

Applicants' statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicants' representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicants with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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